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The reply filed on January 4, 2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Firstly, despite applicants' response, it is not seen that applicants have adequately or fully addressed the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, rejection set forth within paragraph 2 of the Office action. Specifically, it is unclear how applicants' response addresses the issues set forth within subparagraph 3 (the paragraph beginning with the text, "Thirdly, ...") and subparagraph 4 (the paragraph beginning with the text, "Within claims 1 and 9, ..."). Secondly, in response to the obviousness rejection, applicants have referred to a declaration; however, no declaration has been made of record in the application. Since prosecution of the child application is distinct and independent of the parent application, it is improper to base a response on evidence that has only been made of record in the parent application. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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